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The following is reprinted from an article in the Brantford Expositor of June 3, 1961 and the lady in the story is now Vera E. Dowling, a long-time shareholder in the Scandinavian Centre.

Her business card is shown opposite.

By Lawrence Miller

Among the many-colored planes in the hangar at the Brantford airport, one trim little bright yellow and red single seater stands out. On the fuselage of this craft are texts: "God is a good God," and quotations from John 3:16, Mark 16:17 and 18, and Matthew 5:44.

The plane is owned by Miss Vera Strodl of Edmonton, who flew in for the instructors' refresher course now in progress.

Miss Strodl is an instructor in her spare time, but her main work is carrying the gospel to isolated areas all over western Canada. She flies into territory otherwise either inaccessible or at least difficult to reach, to carry on her evangelistic work.

Safest Way

"The airplane is the fastest, cleanest, safest, most economical way to travel. I learned to fly long before I learned to drive a car," she said.

She has been flying since 1935. Born in England, during the war she flew with the Air Transport Auxiliary. In this job she picked up planes

on the west coast of Britain after they had been flown across the Atlantic, then ferried them to the fields where they were needed. The job was a demanding one, and dangerous. She became expert at landing big, fast planes on fields designed for much smaller craft.

What types of plane has she flown?

"Spitfires, Mosquitoes, Mitchells, Wellingtons . . . I lost count since the first 100 kinds and 10,000 hours."

She was allowed no radio, and was given no instrument flying training.

"The Lord has been good to me. He saved my life more than a thousand times. I know God is real, and if I can only show the people I reach that He is, then they will stand on the solid rock, and I will be content."

Gives Example

She relates a striking example of what she considers divine intervention on her behalf.

The incident occurred while she was ferrying a Hellcat (Grumman F6F) fighter along

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Vera Strodl is shown with the plane she uses in gospel work



LAUNCHING A VIKING SHIP

by Kris Nyhus

The Camrose Lutheran College has worked over the last five months on the construction of a real sea-going Viking Ship. The boat-building has been under the direction of Mr. Olaus Stromsness, who was brought over from Telemark, Norway, especially for this task.

The boat was constructed similar to the real authentic Viking boats, like the Oseberg or Gakstad ships that many of you have seen at the Bygdoy museum near Oslo, Norway, with a dragon-head in the front and a dragon-tail in the rear. This ship is about 30 feet long, with oars for six boatmen and with a 20-foot-high mast.

The launching took place at Mirror Lake in Camrose on May 25 at 1:30 p.m. People had come from far and wide to watch this memorable occasion. The weather was misty and rainy, as one would expect the weather to be on the

west coast of Norway, when the Viking ships put out to sea.

Welcome and introductions were given by Mr. Jim Nelson, Professor in Norwegian at Camrose Lutheran College, with comments given by Mr. Glen Johnson from Camrose Lutheran College.

Words of greetings were given by:

- Mr. Arne Johannessen, Norwegian Consul of Alberta
- Mr. Roy Swanberg, Executive Committee, Sons of Norway Foundation, who also presented a donation from the Foundation.
- Mr. Ken Domier, Secretary, Scandinavian Heritage Society of Edmonton.
- Mr. Kris Nyhus, President, Sons of Norway, Edmonton.
- Mr. Hans Espe, President, Sons of Norway, Camrose.
- Mr. Rudy Swanson, Mayor, City of Camrose.
- Mr. Bob Prestage, Reeve, County of Camrose.

Dedication prayer was given by Mr. Jim Rasmussen.

Ceremonial Invocation in the style of the Norse oral

tradition (by the "skald"), but adapted to Camrose Lutheran College's philosophy, was given by Mr. Jim Nelson.

Then the beautiful and

streamlined ship was launched and its standard raised. And as the oarsmen manoeuvred the ship 'out to

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LT. GOVERNOR SPECIAL GUEST

Bob Burt

Another most successful and enjoyable Ladies' night was held as members of Torske Klubben and their partners joined to fulfill the desire for Torske and the association with friends. Nearly one hundred gathered for this occasion, June 8th at the Saxony Inn.

Roald Enokson was Master of Ceremonies, and Kaare Askildt offered the Table Grace. The toast to the Ladies was made by Ken Domier, and answered by Bea Huser. All enjoyed the black cod, vegetables and the many toasts with akvavit.

Gary Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Her Honor Helen Hunley, Lt. Governor of Alberta, who was attended by her aide, Major Murray Kidd.

Ms Hunley began her career as a telephone operator at Acme, Alta. She served in the Women's Army Corps overseas, reaching the rank of Lieutenant. Following the war she returned to Rocky Mountain House to look after her parents. She purchased the International Harvester Dealership there, where she held a journeyman's papers as partsman.

She later became Mayor of Rocky Mountain House, followed by a political career in provincial government during which she became the first female Solicitor-General of Alberta. She left politics some years ago, and was recently appointed Lt. Governor of Alberta.

She spoke glowingly of the Sons of Norway, and of the importance of maintaining ethnic roots and

background, saying that she regretted not having delved into her own ethnic family ties. Ms. Hunley spoke of the ethnic make-up of Canada and the strength derived from its multicultural relationships, citing Sons of Norway and their contribution. Although she left the party early, having to attend an early morning meeting, she expressed willingness to attend another Ladies' Night banquet if asked.

Sig Sorenson thanked our honoured guest, the Lt. Governor, for her presence and kind words.

After the banquet a dance and social evening followed, the 39'ers orchestra providing the dance music. Men of Torske Klubben will commence their Fall meetings in September, following the summer recess.

Solglyt
Spotlight

GUESTS TO CANADA

Ola and Grete Enge made a return visit to Canada from Oslo, Norway, guests of Stan and Louise Johnson. They were guests from June 21 to July 10th. While here they visited B.C. taking in the grandeur of the Mountains, and travelled much of Alberta. Before leaving they took in the Calgary Stampede, and also attended St Hans Fest activities.

The Sons of Norway Sewing Club members had their wind-up for the season June 11th by roasting weiners and marshmallows at Borden Park. It was a beautiful evening and a lovely spot, and a fine time was had by all.

On June 27th, members of the Sewing Club got together at Devon Community Centre for a lefse bee (9 a.m.-4 p.m.). This lefse (100 lbs. of potatoes used) will be sold at Heritage Days, August 4 & 5th, in the Scandinavian Booth. In addition the Norwegian folk-dancers and Freeloaders will provide some of the stage entertainment, and Astrid Hope will have an Ethnic display.

Be sure to attend! This year will be super!

Astrid Hope visited her mother, Lydia Tagseth, at her home at Govan, Sask. recently.

Aug. 4-5 Heritage Days will be held at Hawrelak Park. Scandinavian Pavilion will include: Display of Scandinavian Arts & Crafts; a food booth; and folk dancing and Scandinavian music.

Aug. 18-25 Trollhaugen Language Camp at Sylvan Lake. Sponsored by Fjellsyn Lodge, Olds. There will be language, crafts & culture.

Sept. 9 Executive meeting will be held at the home of Kris Nyhus 16931-78 Ave. Weather permitting, it will be outdoors.

Sept. 21 General Meeting at Captain's Cabin. There will be a showing of slides, a collection of S/N activities from U.S.A.

Oct. 26 Leif Erikson Night.

Nov. 23 Election of Officers & Bingo

Dec. 15 Christmas Party.

CAMP NORWAY
SUMMER SCHOOL

Linda Nyhus, daughter of Sons of Norway President Krs and Bernice Nyhus, who presently attends Camrose Lutheran College, left June 15th for Norway. She visited with her Grandmother Nyhus at Geilo, Hallingdal. Prior to attending CAMP NORWAY at Sundane, Norway, on a scholarship. The school commenced July 1st and continued on to Aug. 4th. At this school she will study Norwegian language, and will be involved in the Norse Culture program. She will be treated to a month of Norway's western Fjord country, together with exciting activities and fascinating field trips.

FORMER NORWEGIAN
DIPLOMAT JAILED

In Norway the former Norwegian diplomat and viceminister, Arne Treholt, has been imprisoned for 20 years for espionage.

Treholt, who has sold NATO defence secrets to the Soviet Union and Iraq, also has to give the Norwegian state over \$100,000 which he received as payment for his espionage services.

Both right and left wing Norwegian politicians claim that of Treholt's punishment (the largest possible for this sort of crime) one-third is deserved, and two-thirds is "based on politics".

CULTURAL
CORNER

By Astrid Hope, Cultural Director
Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway

Residents of Elmwood Lodge, 15901-87th Ave. received surprise entertainment on the evening of June 29th. Unfortunately (or fortunately) the Freeloaders were to have played at Lynnwood Extended Care 8740-165 St. and by error, happened to have been triple-booked. In fact, Elmwood residents were at the door to welcome them. After the program they stayed to socialize with the residents with coffee and sweets. They extended an invitation for a repetition of that. Who made whose day that day!

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SOTTENDE MAI 1985

by Kris Nyhus

The Seventeenth of May 1985 turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, with blue skies from morning till evening. And I believe the beautiful weather had a bearing on the success of the celebration of Norway's Independence and Constitution Day here in Edmonton.

A lot of people gathered at the City Hall at 11 a.m. for the official flag raising of the Norwegian flag.

Remarks befitting the day were presented by:

- Mr. Kris Nyhus, President, Sons of Norway, Edmonton
- Mr. Arne Johannessen, Norwegian Consul of Edmonton
- Mr. Roar Tungland, The Nordic Society of Edmonton
- Mr. Ray Reiersen, President, The Scandinavian Businessmen's Club of Edmonton.
- Mr. Terry Cavanagh, Alderman, City of Edmonton

The raising of the Norwegian flag was conducted by Alderman Terry Cavanagh to the music of the Sons of Norway Freeloaders Band and the singing of the Norwegian National Anthem "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet".

From City Hall the group moved on to the Royal Copenhagen restaurant on Yellowhead Trail, where a real Scandinavian lunch was enjoyed by everyone. Open-face sandwiches and aquavit - in the middle of the day - that can only be consumed on the Seventeenth of May!

In the evening a banquet and dance was held at the Faculty Club, University of Alberta. The function was attended by 104 people, many of whom appeared in authentic National costumes.

The hall was beautifully decorated with birch branches

and Norwegian flags, under the direction of Anne Marie Woldmo. Master of Ceremonies was Asbjorn Woldmo, who welcomed the guests, gave the toast to the Queen and the toast to the King of Norway.

After the Norwegian table grace, a very tasty dinner was served by the Faculty Club kitchen staff.

Guest speakers were Norwegian Consul Arne Johannessen and Sons of Norway past district President Mr. Sig Sorenson, who both spoke enthusiastically and eloquently about the Norwegian history, constitution and tradition.

Crowning of the beautiful and talented Sons of Norway Queen, Miss Linda Domier, was conducted by Mrs. Astrid Hope, Cultural Director and Mr. Gary Johnson, District Youth Director, Sons of Norway.



Sig Sorenson at the Podium

Life memberships in Sons of Norway were presented by Sons of Norway President Kris Nyhus to John Sather and Roy Faltinson. Twenty-five-year pins were presented to Rose Svidal and Svend Tychsen. Ten-year pins were presented to Harry Martinsen, Karin Jackson, Ralph Ulveland and Arne Korsvold.

Remarks and greetings were given by Mr. Ray Reiersen, President of the Scandinavian Businessmen's Club and Mr. Stien Johnson, President of the Nordic Society of Edmonton.

Following a "Grand March" dancing continued until 1 a.m. to the music of the orchestra "Sounds Good".

Many of us felt that this was a 'Sottende Mai' long to be remembered, celebrated in the traditions of Norwegians in and outside of Norway.

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Linda Domier is Crowned



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the coast of Scotland toward England.

A very bad weather front was reported sweeping in, but was not expected to arrive for about five hours, enough time for her to complete her flight.

She was flying along steep coastal cliffs, alone in her machine, when the bad weather struck.

"I was suddenly flying right into a wall of cloud, so I had to turn back," she said. "I knew there was a small air field 20 or 30 miles to the north where I could land, but again there was solid murk - I had left it too late."

She tried all directions, but always was wrapped in the thick, obscuring cloud.

Finally, chancing a dip below the clouds with the fuel indicator twitching on the empty mark, she glimpsed a tongue of land appearing and disappearing below her.

"I was all ready to put the wheels up and slide in that way, when I realized this was Scotland, and the coast was rock all the way. If I tried sliding in I would be ripped to pieces."

"Then I seized with the most awful fear. If only I had a radio, or they would fire rockets from the land. But I realized I was all alone. I cried out in the same way the disciples must have when Jesus was asleep in the storm. 'Oh, God, I have tried everything - Do something!' she said.

Then, Miss Strodl said, there was a bright light in the cockpit, and a "great serene peace, just like heaven."

"An inner voice said, 'Fear not, for I am with thee.' That same voice gave me instructions: 'Increase revs, reduce throttle' and without my working at it, I landed on an air strip I hadn't known was there. I didn't even know where to taxi, and had to sit in the plane until I could see the tower."

She came to Canada after seeing an advertisement in a flying magazine, while instructing instructors at Hambolt Air University after the war. The ad was for an instructor at "Lethbridge, Saskatchewan."

By Air Since

She has been doing her evangelistic work by air since 1956, and "Praise the Lord He has kept me up over the trees and rocks." Government regulations require her to carry a survival kit in the plane.

She uses Edmonton as a home base for her work, flying into the areas she wishes to reach, staying there for a couple of weeks, then flying back out again.

She is not affiliated with any particular denominational church, but leaves her converts with a local pastor, if there is one, or keeps in touch with them by correspondence until a pastor can be sent out.

"This arrangement keeps the pastor happy, the people happy, and saves me trouble," she said.

"It's just that there is such a shortage of pastors out there. But the need of the world is prayer, not meeting. It is up to the people what church they wish to attend. The only question is whether one knows the Lord or not."

"It is wonderful to have an established church of God," she said, and polished a finger print off the canopy of her little plane.

LETTER FROM AN OLD TIMER

By Bob Burt

If you feel you are too old to write a letter to someone dear, and use age as an excuse, read this letter I received from the mother of a close friend recently:

Dear Bob & Jan:

It has always been a delight to me to find a card in my mail from you and I have always intended to write and thank you for remembering me, but if the way to Hell is paved by good intentions I am well on my way.

Christmas I start to write Thank You notes, but I never finish. However I know you are so busy with Education for yourself and family; so know you don't have time to criticize my failings, which would fill a book.

However here I am. I hope you and all your family are well and happy. Today is Stanley's (My friend) 69th birthday. So he too is getting old. I was 95 on Jan. 21st. I happened to say to Alf, who lives with me (son). "You are Old". He answered, "Yes, I am old, but you, (me) are ancient". These cheeky kids! Alf is 71.

I often remember the old days and the fun we had. Well things seem to

be different now. Murders, suicides, immorality, etc., seem to be so much in vogue. We are living in our own home in the Country, but even here, the wrong is often very close.

Stan and Rose stayed with us for ten days, at the time of my birthday. We always enjoy a visit with them. King (another son) was here one week, but Helen did not come this time, as she broke her shoulder, skating some time ago, and is still suffering with it.

Four of my grandsons sent a beautiful gift, a huge bouquet of double-babies' breath with 95 lovely red roses. Of course I had many other beautiful and useful gifts and lots of lovely cards.

We still miss Charlie (deceased son) at all these family gatherings. I hope you will excuse my dreadful writing. I read a letter last evening and wondered how I could send such badly written letters, but I do my best.

Love to both of you.

Sincerely,

Florence E. Wass, Cobble Hill, B.C.

IN MEMORIAM PETER EMIL HANSEN

Great loss is felt on the passing of Peter Hansen, a beloved member of Sons of Norway. He passed away June 17th, 1985, at the age of 66.

Peter was an active member of SIN from 1951. He held many executive positions, attended conferences, and his enthusiasm in the Bowling League was exemplary. We will miss his voice, humor and leadership.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his father Johannes Hansen in Denmark; four brothers, Jens of Edmonton, Holger of Kitimat, B.C., Paul and Eigfr. of Denmark; two sisters, Karen and Thora also of Denmark.

Memorial services, Thursday, June 20th, were attended by his many friends. Friends and relatives joined in fellowship at Bethel Lutheran Church after the service.

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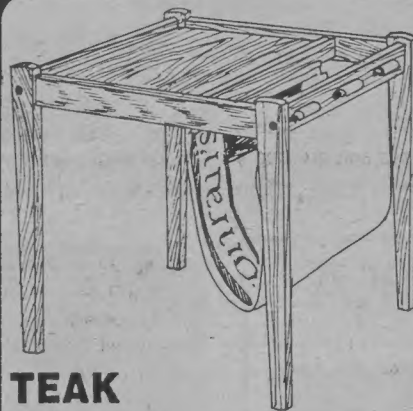


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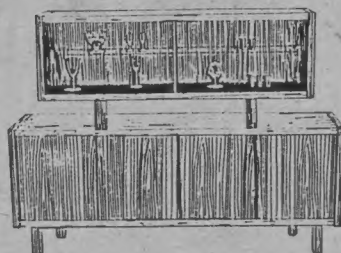
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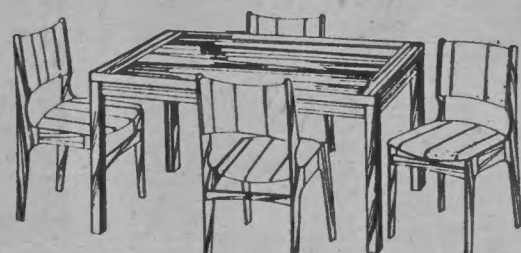
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LARS HAUKANESS

(From The "Visual Arts Newsletter")

by Helen Collinson

A look back at the man who provided the impetus for Alberta's first art school.

"My position here is not altogether so bad, only my salary is rather small, and it also is a kind of slow process to bring the Art School up to what I very much desire: to bring it up to and convert it into the PROVINCIAL ART SCHOOL OF ALBERTA."

Lars Haukaness, in the summer of 1929, wrote to his friend Lemoine FitzGerald, and described his position at the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, later the Alberta College of Art. Haukaness had a vision of an art school in Calgary that far surpassed the reality of the time. Born in Norway in 1862 and educated in a private art academy in Oslo, he received a government scholarship to the Royal Academy School. He emigrated first to the United States in 1888 and then moved to Winnipeg, where he taught at the Winnipeg Gallery and School of Art from 1920-24, then to Calgary, where he lived from 1926 until his death in 1929. During those three years, he laid the first solid foundations of professional art instruction in the institution and in the city.

Harry G. Hunt, an active amateur painter and enthusiastic member of the Calgary Art Club, felt that Haukaness' presence in town was an opportunity to have professional instruction. He introduced Haukaness to W. G. Carpenter, the principal of the Tech, and encouraged the formation of an evening class. This class began in October 1926, with twelve members of the Calgary Art Club as its enthusiastic nucleus.

In the spring of 1927, after his first winter of teaching, Lars Haukaness visited Eastern Canada and Chicago and looked at other schools of art while he was away. His correspondence mentioned his visit to the Ontario College of Art in Toronto and pointed out that "they have \$25,000 in annual appropriations from the Province and the Dominion." He also referred to a happy day spent in the country with his old friend Franz Johnstone.

In the fall of 1927 day classes in fine art began and his vision of a provincial art school seems to have been shared by W.G. Carpenter who was supportive of the fine arts component of the curriculum. Haukaness' writings indicate a complete confidence in his superior.

The work that Haukaness did at the 'Tech' is not well documented. From such contemporary material that has been located to date, it seems that he was well respected although considered somewhat eccentric. His former students included Barbara Leighton who, when interviewed, was unable to remember much except that his painting style was "very European and very detailed and representative."

A professional opinion of Haukaness is supplied by Euphemia McNaught, who graduated in sculpture in 1929 from the Ontario College of Art. On her way back home to Beaverlodge that spring she was interviewed by Haukaness as a potential candidate to teach sculpture at the Tech. Her recollection is of a well-trained individual who asked some very penetrating questions during the job interview.

Numbered among the pupils of the time were two young men, Max Bates and W.L. Stevenson. In 1929, after two years of tutelage under Haukaness, they visited the Chicago Art Institute and saw the post-impressionist collections. For both this visit was a turning point. The specific influence that Haukaness had upon this decision may never be known.

In the summer of 1929, Lars Haukaness set off for his beloved mountains and, just before he left Calgary, Archie Key met him and described the event as follows:

"He was an elderly man with a yellowish-white beard and dressed in an old grey coat, khaki riding breeches and puttees. Behind his spectacles which perched insecurely on his nose, there was a humorous twinkle in his eyes. He was full of enthusiasm, preparing to leave for a sketching trip in the Canadian Rockies...He pulled out tacks and roll-

ed up the rough material with other partly finished sketches. His paints and brushes, palette and knives were included in the bundle and the whole were wrapped up in old newspapers and securely tied with rope."

He had been camping for some time about seven miles from Lake Louise in the Ptarmigan Valley, one of his favorite sketching spots, when he died early in September. He had apparently suffered a heart attack and fallen from his horse about three miles from Lake Louise. His dog came to the Louise station and led searchers to his body on September 4. He was buried in the Banff cemetery three days later.

A memorial exhibition, containing twenty-two of his works, was held in Calgary in 1931. Included in the show was a plaster memorial of Haukaness, carved by Euphemia McNaught. It depicted his dog, his horse and his pack pony and his friends had hoped to have it cast in bronze and used as a memorial tablet in Banff. However, this was never done and Haukaness slipped into obscurity.

Most of his paintings have been lost, although it is possible to make quite an extensive list of works based on the fragments of information left. His solitary nature, combined with his constant poverty, separated him fundamentally from the dominant social structure of Calgary. However, as the first acknowledged professional art instructor, he provided the impetus for a continuing and solid foundation upon which the Tech and later the Alberta College of Art programs were built.

OFFICIAL FLAG FOR GREENLAND

Greenland now has its own official flag. The new flag is white on the top half and red on the bottom half with a ball of opposite colours in the middle, symbolizing the rising sun.

The Danish flag may still be used in Greenland, and several institutions will probably use both flags side by side.

LARS HAUKANESS

A MEMORIAL PROJECT

A group of interested Albertans is arranging to place a memorial plaque on the grave of Lars Haukaness, who died in September of 1929, while on a sketching trip in the Ptarmigan Valley near Lake Louise. He was buried in the beautiful cemetery in Banff, Alberta.

Haukaness was born near the famous Hardanger Fjord and throughout his life, he retained a deep and abiding love of nature, first in Norway and later the Canadian Rockies.

When he died, his friends and colleagues commissioned a memorial. They asked a young Albertan sculptress, Euphemia McNaught, to design and execute a plaster bas-relief which was subsequently to be cast in bronze and placed upon Haukaness' grave.

The plaster shows Lars Haukaness, as he would have been remembered most vividly by those who knew him well, in his riding outfit with his dog, his pack pony and his horse.

It is still available for casting, as Euphemia McNaught, who lives in Beaverlodge, Alberta, has kept it all these years in good condition.

An edition of bronzes will be cast and sold to finance the project. The Alberta Art Foundation, several private collectors and a public gallery in Alberta have indicated interest to date. The intention of Haukaness' friends will be carried out, albeit a full fifty-six years after his death.

The committee organizing the project is made up of people from Banff, Hythe and Edmonton who, for a variety of reasons, share an interest. Few of Lars Haukaness' friends are still alive although relatives, both in the United States and Norway, are

delighted to know that his grave will finally be marked. Some of them have contributed financially to the project and several have supplied invaluable information about the artist, who is not widely known or documented.

Some Albertans of Norwegian descent are also interested in the project as many of them know of young men from Norway who emigrated to North America in the nineteenth century losing track of their families and whose fate remains unknown to this day.

This project gives us an opportunity to document and celebrate the unique contribution that one Norwegian immigrant made to the New World. The close artist sensibilities, shared by Canadian-born artists, motivated by a spiritual love of nature as found in this country and the United States, and those of their Scandinavian counterparts have been discussed frequently of late.

Lars Haukaness' life seems to have exemplified this connection and it is with this motivation that we are hoping to complete this project and hold a ceremony September 7, 1985 — the anniversary of his interment.

We are also still trying to locate extant paintings, gather further information about Haukaness' life and, of course, raise a sum sufficient to complete the memorial project. If you would like to make a contribution or if you have any information, please contact: Lars Haukaness Memorial Project c/o Helen Collinson Ring House Gallery Ring House Number One University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T6G 2E2

LAUNCHING A VIKING SHIP

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sea', dismissal in oral style was given by Mr. Jim Nelson, all in accordance with the old Viking traditions.

As the boat disappeared around the bend, my remaining thought was that the Vikings were not dominated just by heathen and war-like spirits, for there is art and culture displayed in their ceremonies and in their workmanship.

The ceremony was concluded with refreshments at the Camrose Lutheran College.

The Viking ship will be on display during Heritage Days at the Scandinavian Pavilion in Hawrelak Park, August 3rd and 4th. So if you want to see a Viking ship as it was constructed 1,000 years ago, here is a chance to see it at close range.

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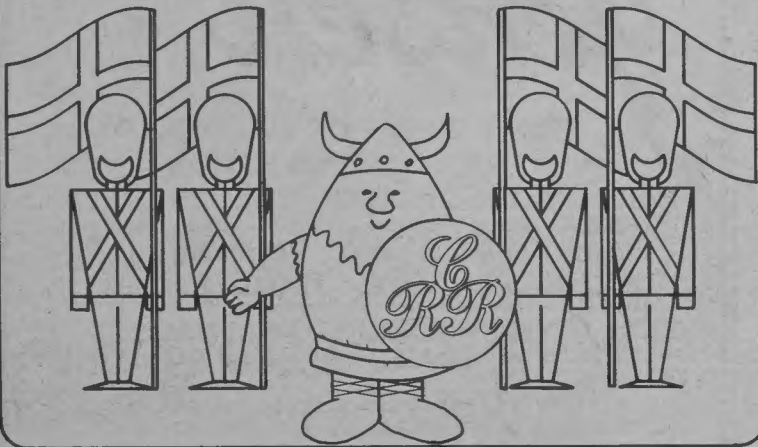
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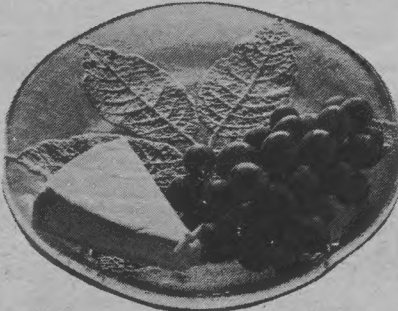
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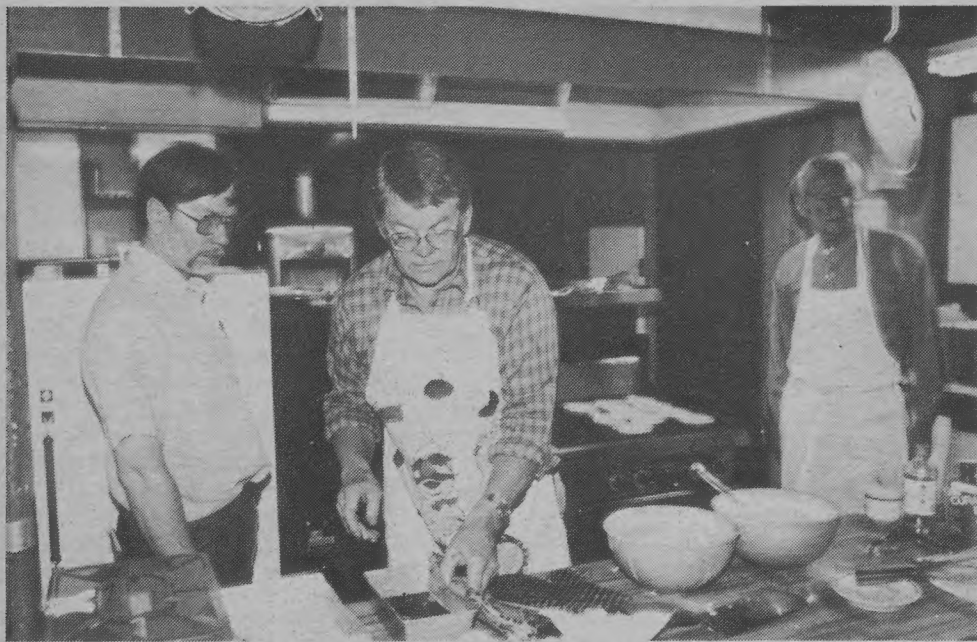


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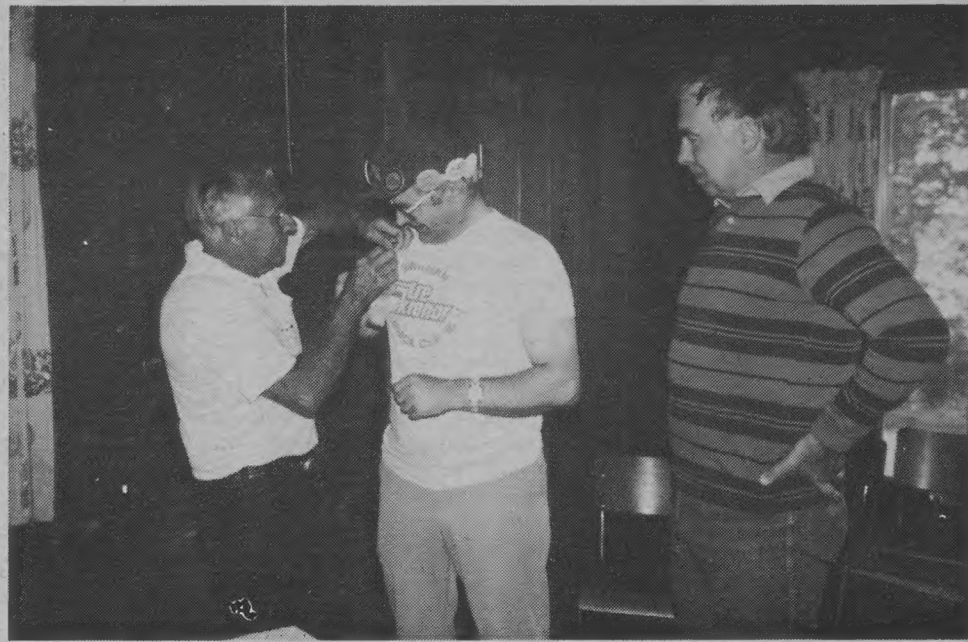
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Ken Domier and Asbjorn Waldmo win second place in Horseshoe Doubles

ST. HANS FEST AT MULHURST

By Bob Burt

St. Hans Fest again came to Alberta, and members and friends of the Sons of Norway were prepared for it.

Eighty members attended the outing at Mulhurst Lutheran Camp on Pigeon Lake June 21-23. Thanks to the Lillevoldens, Anne-Marie Woldmo, Stan Johnson and President Kris Nyhus, there was plenty of food for the occasion.

Then came the shoe throw!

Ladies' event was won by Bernice Nyhus; Young girls' by Michelle Johnson; Men's Contest by Kris Nyhus; Boys' event by Chris Lillevolden.

Presentations were made for all events Sunday morning. During the presentations, another event was introduced: Jennifer O'Farrell displayed her catch of the Day: A



Keith Lillevolden shakes hands with Horseshoe Singles opponent Walter Leonhardt

Sports Director Sev Berge managed the sports activities very well, the accommodation was adequate and the setting excellent - who could ask for anything better?

On Saturday morning following a full breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, toast and coffee, the horseshoe events commenced. There were 10 Senior and 9 novice men in the singles event, and 22 teams in doubles. The ladies had 22 teams entered in singles and doubles events.

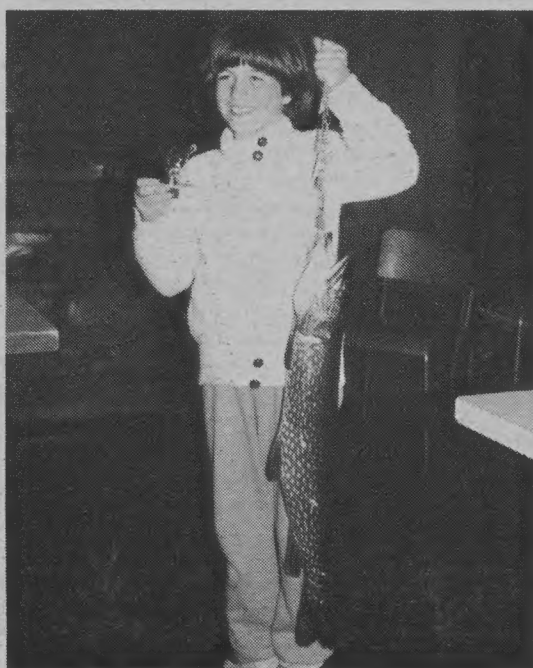
The Men's Senior horseshoe event was won by Dale McBride, in a tough come-from-behind contest that took 3 consecutive ringers to win over Ray Cartwright. In the Novice Men's event, singles were won by Keith Lillevolden over Walter Leonhardt with a coup-de-grace: double ringer.

These were followed by Men's Doubles; Keith Lillevolden and Kris Nyhus were victors over Ken Domier and Asbjorn Woldmo.

Following horseshoe pitch, the group settled down to the nail-driving competitions. In the men's event Allan Anderson in the finals won over Ray Cartwright, Asbjorn Woldmo and George Poiilot. In the Ladies' event A. Janette Burt was winner over Lorna Anderson, Evelyn Johnson, and Anne Haukas. In the Boys' event Aaron Anderson won over Mike Nielsen. The youngest contestant, Harold Hale, won for persistency. In the young girls' event Michelle Johnson was winner.

Great Northern Pike over 30" long weighing nearly 6 pounds. What a fish - and we have the picture to prove it!

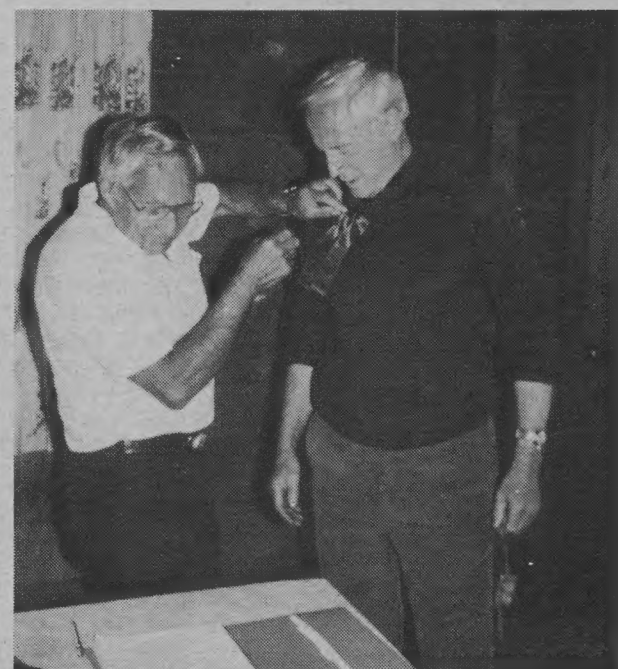
Everyone who spent these days at Mulhurst Lutheran Language Camp



Jennifer O'Farrell with the fish that didn't get away

on Pigeon Lake was enthusiastic, and as the location is near Edmonton the spot will be the site for next year's event.

Members have enjoyed St. Hans Fest over the past number of years as guests of Inge and Anders Anderson & their families at Lac St Cyr; we have been most appreciative of the gracious hospitality. Their past indulgence has made possible the continued interest in this annual occasion.



Sports Director Sev Berge pins ribbons on President Kris Nyhus

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WHO COULD DO MORE? A TRIBUTE TO IRVIN SERVOLD

By Bob Burt

Irvin Servold was born near Camrose 52 years ago. He has been skiing for longer than he can remember. Before the tender age of 10 Irvin was an in-runner at ski jumping and cross country events. The name Servold has become synonymous with cross country skiing and jumping.

Irvin was in the Olympics in 1956 at Cortina, Italy and in 1960 at Squaw Valley, California. He has been active in National Skiing events since that time. He has been acknowledged in Norway and Europe. In 1975 he was given recognition for his promotion of Nordic Cross Country skiing by Camrose; praised by Devon with a plaque in 1968 and in Grande Prairie in 1980. Irvin was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in Edmonton in 1980, and he and his wife were recently invited to attend the Canadian Ski Museum at Toronto, where he was presented a membership in the Hall of Fame.

Irvin attended ski meets in Devon prior to 1958, and was well known by John Maland, formerly of Camrose, who was promoting cross country skiing and jumping. Irvin taught school in Edmonton, but was encouraged to teach here; the Servolds moved to Devon in September 1962 and things really started to happen.

Devon trained local competitors prior to 1958, and since then both Alberta and Western Canadian skiers have trained here. Devon has held Alberta Championships in skiing and jumping events on at least 10 occasions through 1958 to 1982. Invitational tournaments have been held annually (except 1973), through that period.

As Devon had the only continuously used ski jump facility in Western Canada, used on an annual basis for competition and training (to 1982), the Canadian Nordic and Cross Country Junior Championships were held here in 1972, as well as the Nordic Combined events of the Canadian Winter Games in 1975. Canadian Championship Nordic Combined all classes were held in Devon annually from 1978 to 1982. All these events have been the direct responsibility, of Irvin Servold and interested Alberta Ski Clubs promoting competitive skiing in this area. Support came for the Nordic Ski club and ski clubs across Canada, Irvin's entire family, Devon and Edmonton, and all looked to the Devon group to organize these sport activities.

The Devon Nordic Club has produced 3 members of the National Nordic and Ski Jumping squad. Over the year a total of 12 skiers from Devon area, have qualified to join the Canadian National team. All this from the humble beginning of the 55m hill jump and the promotion of cross country skiing by John Maland, and organization by Irvin Servold.

Irvin's wife, Eleanor, has been patient, understanding and helpful, encouraging the whole family which has made giant strides for skiing.

Mark, eldest son, age 27, lives in Devon, is married, and is an active skier. He has coached the University Nordic Combined team through University Winter Games last year at Cortina, Italy, which placed ninth. He has coached Alberta and Western Canadian skiers for many years. At present he is the assistant coach for the Canadian National Ski team.

Helen, eldest daughter, age 25, is married to Paul Sidwell. She is a school teacher at Ardrossan. Helen was a very competitive cross country racer, whose only competitors were the Firth sisters of Inuvik. While at University she taught cross country skiing for the Edmonton Recreation Board. Now she is involved in the Jack Rabbit Ski league.

Jon, age 24, has been a member of the Canadian National Nordic Combined Ski Team for the past 3 years. He was entered in 10 World Combined Championship events through Europe and the USA. His furthest jump is 115m (377 ft.) from 90m hill. He has been the Senior Canadian Nordic Combined Champion for the past 5 years. For summer keepfit, he is a member of the Edmonton Rowing Team. The team came 2nd in the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta at St. Catharines last August. He is following his Norwegian heritage, skiing and rowing.

Neil, age 22, has been involved in Nordic Combined events most of his life. He is attending U of A and will graduate in 1987. He has skied with the National Team and the University Team.

Ingrid, age 20, is attending Camrose Lutheran College. She



THE SERVOLD's — Back row: Jon, Helen, Danny, Mark
Front row: Niel, Eleanor, Irvin, Inger

has been a member of the Canadian National Biathlon Ski Team (cross country & rifle shoot), for the past two years. This March she competed at Calgary, Giant Ridge, Sask., and Minnesota, winning several bronze medals.

Daniel, age 18, has always been a competitive skier in Nordic Combined and Jumping, and has held the Jr. Canadian Nordic Combined Championship. This year in January, defending his title, he broke his arm practising at Thunder Bay. He still hopes to compete this year.

Mark, Neil, Jon and Daniel attended the Alberta Ski Championships at Edson; competition at Banff, then back to Edson. Since the family have been on the move

every week, it is very difficult to get a family picture, but we did it. What a family!

Future Plans

At the present time National Championships are held on 70m and 90m hill jumps in Canada. International events for World Cup Nordic events require a 70m hill jump. Our skiers have to train at Lake Placid, N.Y.; Thunder Bay, Onts., or Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Nowhere in Canada is there a 'Plastic' hill jump facility for training.

Albert has established an exchange program in Nordic Combined skiing with Japan on an annual basis. Annual Pacific Rim Cup in Nordic Combined events started in 1984. A National Championship

in Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined and Cross Country races is planned for Canada.

Devon, being located near the airport, has been chosen as one of the training centers for skiers preparing for the 1988 Winter Games to be held in The Calgary area. Plans are to improve the Devon facilities and the present jump. Further plans include constructing a 70m jump hill, and a new ski lift, as well as an administrative building. These units will be used in co-operation with various organizations including the U. of A. Faculty of Phys. Ed. High Performance Unit. I feel the jump should be named after the Servolds.



DANISH CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

May 24th was a special day for the Danish community in Edmonton and it was a particularly special day for Pastor Holger Madsen as it marked the official opening of Ansgar Villa. For Pastor Madsen the opening was the culmination of years of dedicated effort to see Project Ansgar transformed from an idea to reality. Ansgar Villa is a modern, well-designed senior citizens' residence in a convenient, central location.

It was a great pleasure at the opening to talk with some of the residents and see the pride and satisfaction they felt as residents of the Villa.

Special guests at the opening ceremony included among others the Honorable Mary J. LeMessurier, Minister of Culture; Pastor Madsen; Pastor Albert Rasmussen; and Consul Donn Larsen.

A highlight of the day was the unveiling of the Little Mermaid in the

garden court. The statue is a gift from Consul Donn Larsen and his wife, Ella. It was further announced that our club would commission Mrs. Tove Larsen to paint an artistic impression of St. Ansgar which will be placed over the fireplace in the reception area. Mrs. Hansen is the winner of the competition the club sponsored in order to select the artistic work to be presented to the Villa.

Ansgar Villa will serve as a comfortable, well-planned senior citizens' residence for years to come. We thank Pastor Madsen for his vision and congratulate him on its becoming a reality.

Kai Lynge

The club's fourth tv-program "Your Danish Connection" was shown June 16th on Ch. 10. The show will return in September after a brief Summer break. But there are still Danish air-

waves to be taken in. Every second Friday at 9 p.m. on CKUA Erik Pedersen brings you Danish music and news. (Last program was June 13th) And every Saturday at app. Noon to 12:30 p.m. Knud Holm-Petersen brings you more music and news over CKER.

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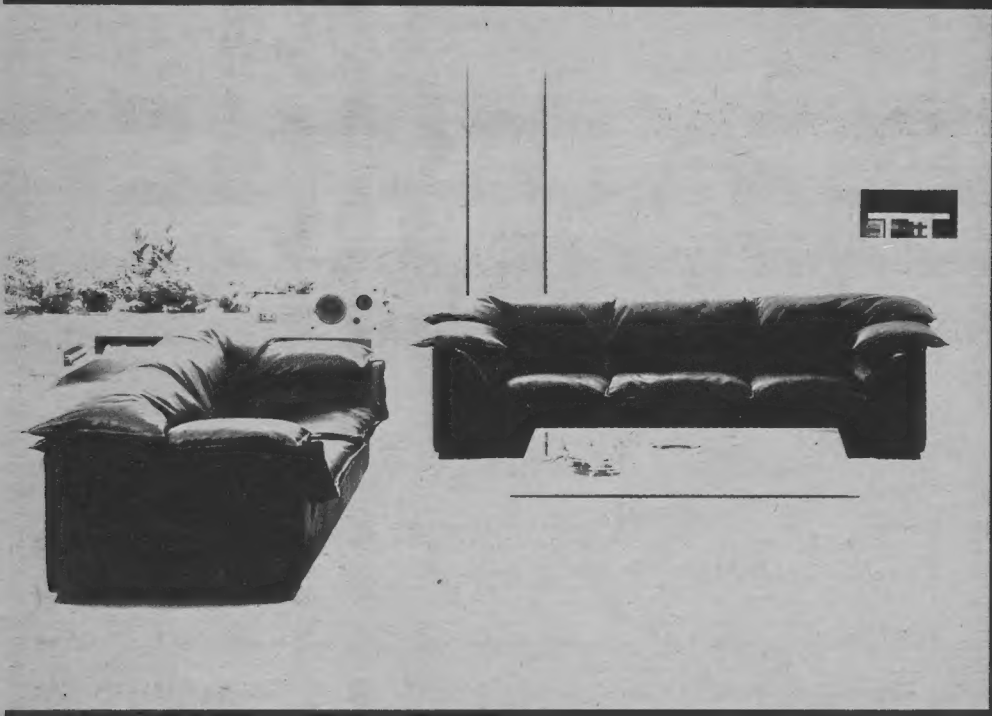
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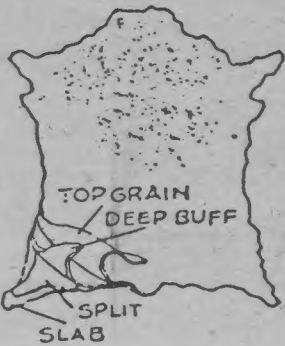
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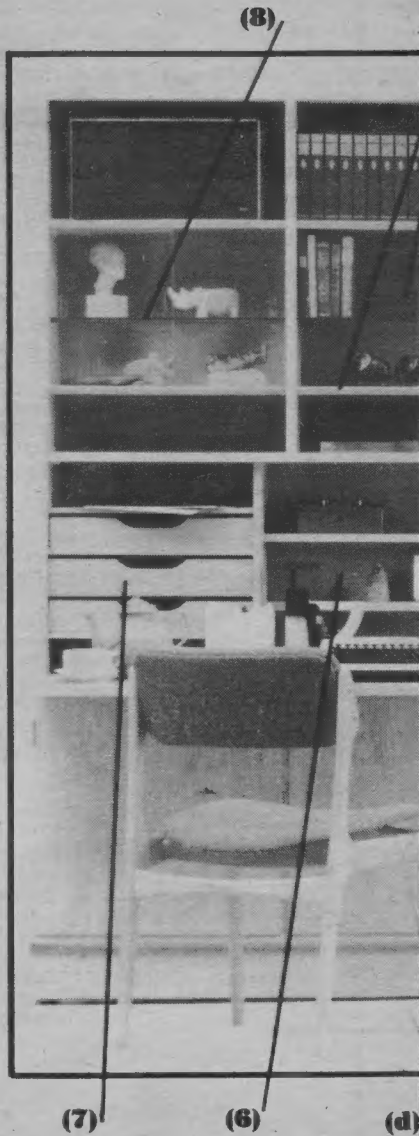
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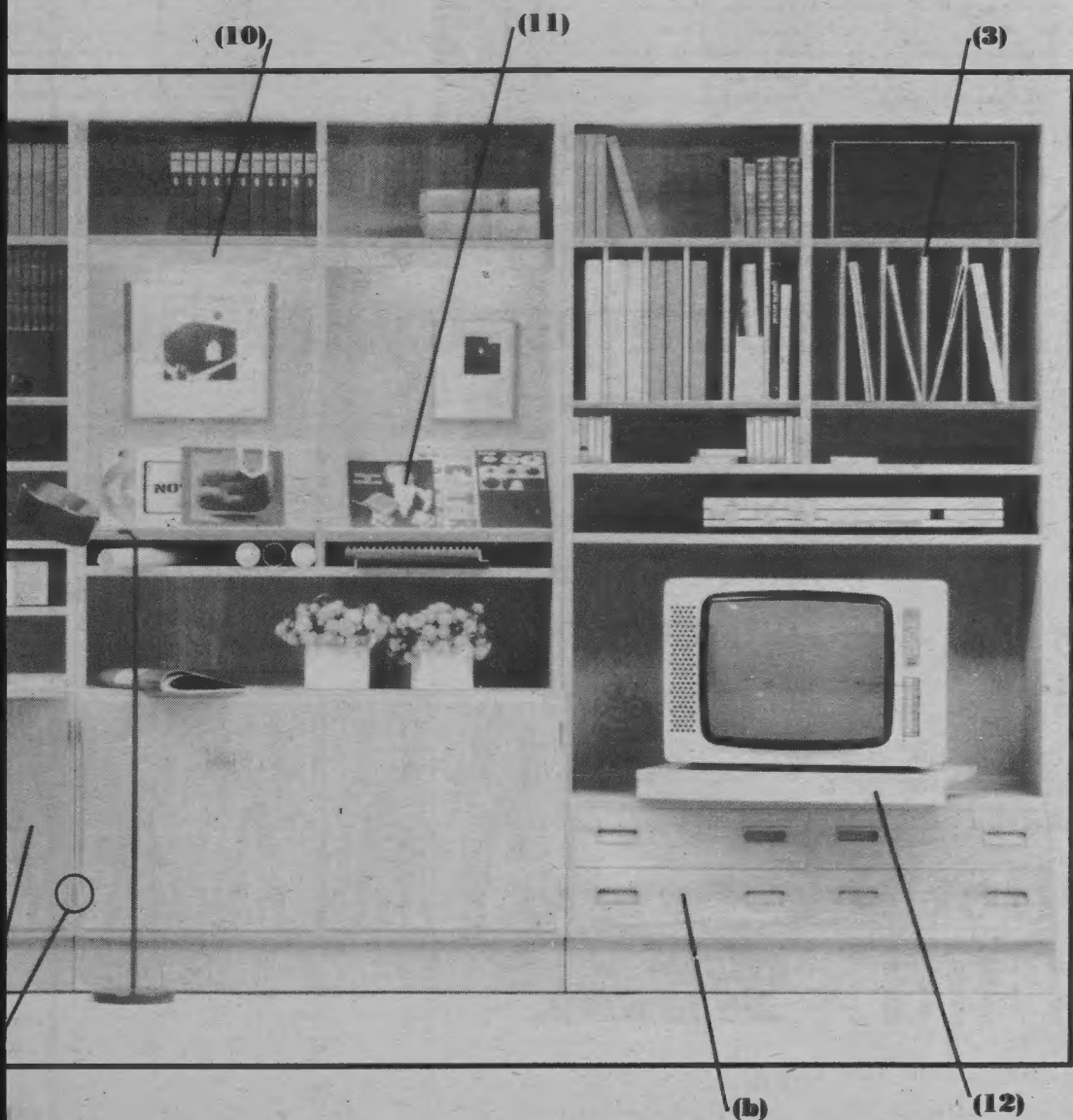
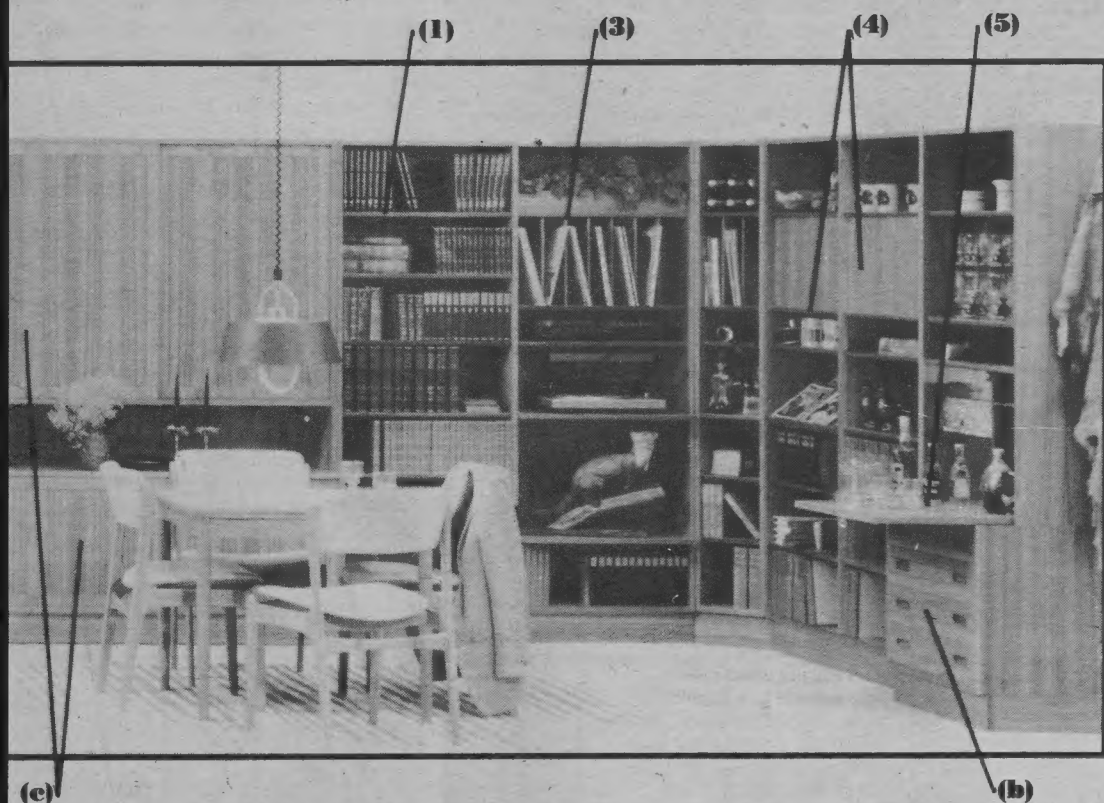
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FREEDOM THEME OF BONFIRE SPEECH

By Eva H. Redekop

Smoke from a large bonfire and the smell of barbecued steaks mixed with the sound of the Danish midsummer song to create a warm memorable atmosphere at this year's St. Hans fest in Strathmore, east of Calgary.

Almost 300 people attended the event, which for the ninth time was arranged by the Danish Canadian Club and the Danish Lutheran Church in Calgary, and held at Jens and Clara Lehman's farm.

As the witch prepared for her long journey to Bloksbjerg, pastor Lars Basboll of the Danish Lutheran Church in Calgary, gave a bonfire speech concerning appreciation of freedom.

Obviously inspired by the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Denmark, Lars Basboll said that "freedom - like charity - begins at home. It begins with you and me. But freedom can become another dictatorship if misused."



Pastor Lars Basboll delivering the Bonfire Speech

Starting the bonfire for the Burning of the Witch



In concluding his speech Lars Basboll said that in a democratic society this sentence must stand: "I may not agree one bit with what my neighbour is saying, but I will die for his right to express his opinion."

The Scandinavian background for the event was further emphasized by a performance by Calgary's Scandinavian folk-dancers who put on an excellent performance

A general dance which went on long into the night was a cheerful conclusion to a memorable St. Hans fest.

THE STORY OF VASALOPPET

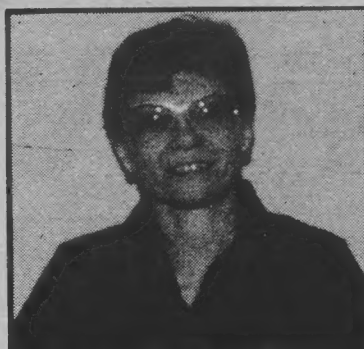
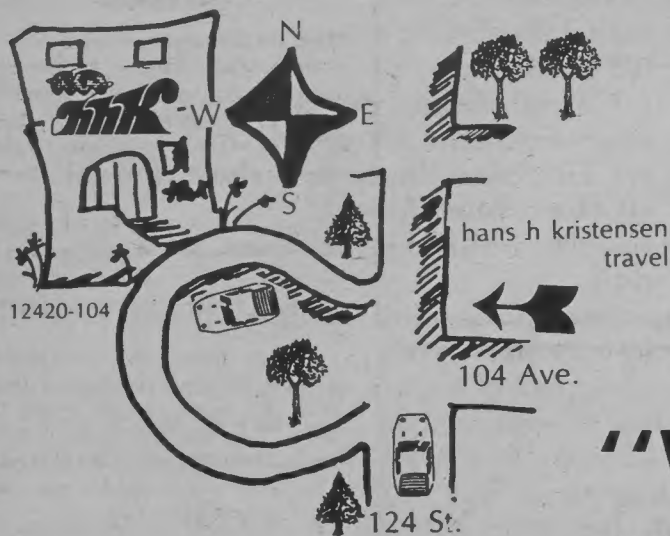
By Verna Larson, Cultural Leader
Vasa Lodge Skandia

A revolt against the brutal and unpopular King Kristian II of Denmark, who ruled all Sweden, Norway and Denmark, led by a young Swedish nobleman, Gustav Eriksson Vasa, began in the Province of Dalarna in 1520. But disappointed over the lack of enthusiasm by the people of Dalarna to join the uprising, he departed on skis in January of 1521 to Norway.

In the meantime, reports reached Mora, in Dalarna, of the Stockholm massacre and other Danish acts of aggression. Realizing that they must rally behind Gustav Vasa in his fight for freedom, they dispatched two of their swiftest skiers to try to stop him. They caught up to him in Salen, just within the Norwegian border. He followed the skiers back to Mora where he was asked to lead them to battle.

That was the start of the liberation. The Swedes rose against the Danes and on June 23, 1523 he marched in triumph into Stockholm where he was proclaimed Sweden's new king...King Gustav Vasa I.

To commemorate this important historic event, the now famous Vasaloppet was instituted in 1922, which over the years has grown to become the world's largest ski race, numbering over 10,000 skiers. Many foreigners join the Swedes to ski the 85 km. stretch from Salen to Mora, starting the first Sunday in March of every year.



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IS DENMARK FIT FOR A PIG?

For that matter, is it fit for a hen?

Denmark, a major producer of ham and eggs, is in the throes of a highly charged debate about intensive modern farming methods and animal rights.

Pigs outnumber people three to one in this small Scandinavian country. Exports of bacon, ham and pork brought in more than a tenth of the country's foreign earnings in 1984.

Animal rights campaigners succeeded in forcing tough regulations - including rules governing the size of a hen's cage - on Danish poultry farmers in the past few years. Now they are questioning pig farm methods.

Danish television this year broadcast two programs on commercial farming, alleging ill-treatment of animals. Many viewers were outraged at seeing hens' beaks clipped and piglets packed into three-story metal trays.

DEFEND PRACTICE

Farmers defend these practices, saying beak-clipping prevents injury, while multi-storey sties improve climate control for young pigs.

But public reaction to the show was strong enough to force the Danish Agriculture Ministry to defend the housing conditions of pigs.

Agriculture Minister Niels Anker Kofoed told a seminar on the subject that criticism of "factory farming" was sometimes "fantastically non-objective and emotional." But government officials said privately that Kofoed was anxious to save pig farmers from the kind of regulations imposed on egg producers.

Under Danish law, every hen cage installed since July 1981

must give each hen at least 900 square centimetres of living space - slightly less than the area of a long-playing record album.

REGULATE SPACE

Poultry Council officials said France and the Netherlands were the only other European community members to regulate living space for hens, which both set the minimum at 400 square centimetres.

Danish egg producers were so confident that the government would relent they started installing smaller cages.

But in January, the government said the law would stand.

Now poultry farmers say they must slaughter more than a million birds - a fifth of Denmark's hen population - and watch Danes import eggs from countries with fewer scruples about chicken coops.

The debate has focused on whether animals suffer pain.

Stomach ulcers and increased biting among pigs might suggest they sometimes felt stress from intensive farming methods, said a leading veterinarian and member of the Danish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

But he added, "Pigs have a much better life today than I can remember."

In contrast a spokesman for The Animals' Voice, one of the most vociferous animal rights groups in Denmark, said he wanted to see intensive farming replaced by old-fashioned farms in which animals could move freely.

Asked about the possible impact on the price of pork, the

spokesman said, "I think people would be willing to pay a little extra for animals who have had a reasonable life."

Denmark would face severe economic difficulties if it were to abandon factory pig-farming techniques.

COMPETITION STIFF

Last year the country had a \$1.5-billion balance of payments deficit and faces keen export competition from Dutch and British farmers.

The Agriculture Minister made this clear when he told the seminar, "In a civilized nation like Denmark we cannot of course allow ourselves to place economics over the welfare of

domestic animals, and I do not suggest we have ever done this.

But it must be pointed out that the pig meat sector is still very significant for Denmark's foreign exchange earnings, in that over 80 per cent of the approximately 14.5 million pigs slaughtered annually in Denmark are exported," Kofoed added.

"It is estimated that the pig sector accounts directly or indirectly for no less than 10 per cent of employment in the country's productive industry. It is naturally in the interest of all responsible people to treat such a gold mine with care."

CONSUL DONN LARSEN
NEW AUGC CHAIRMAN

Consul Donn Larsen of Edmonton has been appointed Chairman of the Athabasca University Governing Council replacing John Elson.



Cabinet approved the appointment on July 9 and Consul Larsen assumed the chair for the AUGC's 60th regular meeting on July 11 in Edmonton. He was first appointed as a public member to AUGC four years ago.

Born in Denmark, Consul Larsen settled in Alberta more than 30 years ago. He was originally trained as an industrial designer, owned and operated Donn Larsen Office Interiors Ltd. in Edmonton for many years, and has extensive business interests.

He holds the post of Honorary Danish Consul in Alberta, has been active in the Multicultural Heritage Foundation, is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and is an accomplished amateur pianist.

Consul Larsen said he regards his appointment as "a great honor" and he is "strongly committed to working for the university".

FORCED LANDING FOR
ROYALS

(From the Edmonton Journal)
COPENHAGEN (AP) - A Swedish military plane carrying Denmark's Queen Margrethe and Sweden's King Carl Gustav made an emergency landing Saturday at the Danish city of Roskilde.

The plane, en route to the Danish city of Aarhus after funeral services in Luxembourg for Grand Duchess Charlotte, landed without problems, officials said.

The twin-engined prop plane landed so the crew could examine a nose wheel the pilots thought might be faulty. The plane then took off again with Carl Gustav aboard for Sweden.

Margrethe continued her trip from Roskilde by ferry and car.

SWEDEN BUILDS
LARGEST AIRPORT

Arlanda International Airport, 50 km. north of Stockholm, is growing fast. In a few years it will be the largest airport in Scandinavia, much larger even than Kastrup Airport near Copenhagen which is now considered the gateway to Scandinavia for air travelers from other parts of the world.

According to the plans for Arlanda International Airport, it is going to become an actual city with new terminals, a hotel, office buildings, stores and exhibition halls making it attractive to domestic and international travelers.

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THE MASTERPIECE

Milk-white glass from 1981 with designs of metal thread with some colored glass fiber. The artist shapes the threads into a little design on an iron plate, adding a little glass fiber

and a little colored crushed glass. This design must be small enough to be caught up on the first molten lump of glass. The motif then expands with the glass.



Milk-white glass from 1981

Norwegian Glass Artist Benny Motzfeldt



Benny Motzfeldt's efforts aroused interest far beyond the borders of Norway. In Norway her success was overwhelming, and her art glass won favor with museums, critics, and the general public. Her international breakthrough came with the exhibition at Det Danske Kunstin- dustrimuseum in Copenhagen in 1971. Since then her glass items have been exhibited all over the

world, and have shown that there is more to Scandinavian glass than just Finnish and Swedish products. Today Benny Motzfeldt is regarded as an important figure in the field of Scandinavian art glass, and foreign critics have held her up as an example that in glass-making the quality of craftsmanship can be combined with an artistically good result. In 1977 she received the award 'Urkunde for her- vorragende Leistungen' at the big exhibition of modern art glass in Coburg in West Germany.

Benny Motzfeldt was 75 years of age in 1984 and is still in full activity in the glass workshop at Plus. She is an example that no one is ever too old to be creative as long as one holds the view as she does: 'the next day may always be the one for the best thing I have ever created.'

Benny Motzfeldt is represented in The Corning Museum of Glass, New York and in The Norwegian-American Museum, Decorah, Iowa.

She was a participant in the exhibition arranged by The Smithsonian Institute which was shown in 18 cities throughout the United States from January 1979 to September 1981. This exhibition was presented to the Canadian public from September to December 1981.

Benny Motzfeldt has been involved in collective exhibitions, in Lathrup Village, Michigan in 1980 and in the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle in 1983.

(This presentation is based on the newly published book *Benny Motzfeldt* by Universitetsforlaget, Kolstadgata 1, N-0652 Oslo 6.)

THE ARTIST

During the 1970s glass artists in, for example, the United States and Germany turned to a non functional, sculptural type of glass. In Scandinavia the glass artists continued to use more traditional functional shapes as their starting point, and so did also *Benny Motzfeldt*. Most of the time she used elementary shapes such as the sphere and the oval, both of which were a natural result of the blowing process itself. The expression in her glass lay primarily in the indefinable space of the glass wall, and she was very much preoccupied with the graphic effects that developed in the glass material during the blowing

process, through various inlays of metals and colors.

In 1970 Benny Motzfeldt became the art director of a small three-man glass workshop at the Plus Center in Fredrikstad, Norway. Despite its limited equipment and no possibilities for further treatment of the glass, the workshop nevertheless answered to her needs because it was still the effect within the material itself that interested her. Her technical virtuosity increased during the 1970s, and her glass items became steadily more refined and ingenious. Parallel with glass-making, she made collages, and the two media stimulated each other.

SKANDIA NEWS

By Kaye Kerr

Disaster struck Vasa Park several days ago when fire broke out. With a strong wind blowing, four cabins along the lake were destroyed. Fortunately there were no injuries.

We remind you of the following activities for the summer months:

- Pie Social at Vasas Park August 18th
- Smorgasbord will be in the Club House at Vasa Park on September 28. Everyone welcome.

Meetings at the Lake during the summer months will start at 7:30 p.m. if there is no dance to follow.

We congratulate Linnea Lodge on receiving a citation from Edmonton Parks and Recreation.

Myron Kerr is recovering after being in University Hospital for surgery.

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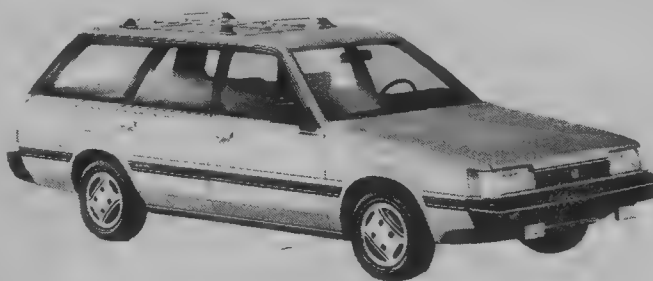
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NEW DENMARK HOSTS FOURTH DANISH CANADIAN CONFERENCE

By Rolf Buschardt Christensen

Over 60 Danes from Halifax to Vancouver participated in the fourth national Danish Canadian Conference in New Denmark, New Brunswick, on June 14-16, 1985. New Denmark is the oldest Danish settlement in Canada, founded in 1872, when the New Brunswick government invited Danes to establish a settlement south of Grand Falls, where the Salmon River flows into the mighty St. John River. New Denmark, a large farm community where Danish is still spoken, is well known for its potatoes, which are exported all over the world. The host of the Conference was the New Denmark Historical Society, which owns and manages the New Denmark Memorial Museum, situated on the old Immigrant Lot, where the first Danish settlers were housed.

The New Denmark Historical Society is one of the 25-member organizations of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada. The Danish Federation is a national umbrella

organization which brings together various Danish groups and associations across Canada, and thus provides them with a permanent framework for cooperation.

The Conference began Friday evening, where everybody met at Motel Pres-du-lac for the official opening and a short business meeting. This was followed by a social get-together where the participants could renew old friendships and make new ones.

URGENT NEED:

The theme of the Conference was "How to Preserve and Document our History", a theme quite fitting to discuss in New Denmark, where they have succeeded in doing just that. On the national level, however, the Danes in Canada have shown scant interest in preserving and documenting their history. A book about the history of the Danes in Canada has still to be written. Generally speaking, material and primary sources for such a book have not been collected and preserved for posterity. There is therefore an urgent need in the



Conference participants.

On the far left are Les Bonke and Knud Thisted from the Danish Canadian Club in Calgary.

The whole community bid the Danes from across Canada welcome



order of the Legislature, that the Danish flag fly from the Legislature in Fredericton for the duration of the Conference. He was warmly applauded, as Saturday was also Valdemarsdag, the anniversary of the Danish flag.

Saturday afternoon was spent discussing various issues and proposals as well as holding elections. Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Martha Larsen and Esther Machacynski were re-elected as respectively President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Over 100 people came to the Banquet Saturday evening at the New Denmark Ski Club. Speakers included Gunnar Kristensen, Kolding; Danish Consul General Torben Dithmer, Toronto; and the Hon. Jean-Pierre Ouellet, New Brunswick Minister for Historical and Cultural Resources. All

the participants from outside New Denmark received a red-and-white New Denmark cap, and the people of New Denmark received a miniature bottle of Gammel Dansk, courtesy of the Royal Danish Guards' Association, Eastern Canada. Later the guests were entertained by folk dancers in Danish costumes, followed by music and dancing until late into the warm New Denmark night. A super party!

FOCUS ON NEXT GENERATION:

On Sunday morning next year's Conference in Toronto was discussed, as well as various items which had been tabled on Saturday. Next year's Danish Canadian Conference will be held in Toronto, where the theme will be "Youth". The participants felt it was important to focus on the next generation, Gunnar

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Danish community in Canada to ensure that archival material is preserved for future generations.

Professor Kell Antoft, Dalhousie University, Halifax, spoke about The Importance of Preserving Archival Material, while Dr. Edward Laine, National Ethnic Archives, Ottawa, spoke about the Ethnic Archives as well as the federal Danish Archives Program, which was established to preserve Danish archival material. It was later decided that each Danish organization appoint an "historian", who would report back to the Federation, so all information could be compiled in one single dossier. It was felt that this was truly one worthwhile matter for the Federation to take up.

The 154-page New Denmark Conference Booklet was itself a heritage project. The Booklet contains a treasure of Danish Canadian biographies, songs and poems, as well as histories, photographs and articles. The New Denmark Conference Booklet, costing \$10, is available from Mrs. Esther Machacynski, 16 Campbell Crescent, Kingston, Ontario K7M 1Z5, (613) 542-8876.

DANISH FLAG FLIES:

On Saturday the meetings, chaired by Poul B. Christensen, President of the Danish Church Council, Vancouver, were held at the brand new St. Ansgar Church Hall, on top of Church Hill, from where there is a beautiful view of New Denmark. The official Conference photograph was taken just before lunch, which was served across the road in St. Peter's Church Hall. The luncheon speaker was Mr. Douglas Moore, MLA for New Denmark, who had arranged, by



Danish Federation Secretary Martha Larsen; Professor Kell Antoft, Dalhousie University; Conference Chairman Poul B. Christensen; Dr. Edward Laine, National Ethnic Archives; Treasurer Esther Machacynski; and President Rolf Buschardt Christensen.

Folk-dancers at the Saturday evening banquet



NEW DENMARK HOSTS FOURTH DANISH CANADIAN CONFERENCE

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Kristensen reported on the plans for the 1987 Conference, which will be held at Koldinghus in Kolding, Denmark, in connection with Canada Day.

There were many things to talk about and many outstanding matters which had to be concluded. But the Sunday Church Services at St. Ansgar and St. Peter started at 11 a.m. The services were followed by a Pot Luck Supper at St. Peter's Church Hall. The lunch ended a long but successful Conference.

FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATED:

At 2:30 p.m. New Denmark's annual Founders' Day commenced at the old Immigrant Lot, which contains a replica of the Immigrant House, which the New Brunswick government had built for the first Danes who arrived in 1872. On the site is also located the prominent New Denmark Memorial Museum and a cairn, erected in 1940.

The Founders' Day Memorial Service began when the New Denmark Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Boy Scouts carried in their flags. They were led by two real Danish guardsmen, Jorgen Birk Andersen and Herbert Jorgensen, in blue uniform, from the Royal Danish Guards' Association, Eastern Canada. Master of Ceremonies was Robert Brinkman, President of the New Denmark Historical Society. Speakers included Pastor Douglas Moore; the Rev. Robert Pratt; Consul General Julius Bruun, Montreal; Federation President Rolf Buschardt Christensen; and Mrs. Beatrice Hansen, President of the New Denmark Women's Institute, which has arranged the Founders' Day program for the past 47 years. It was impressive to see young people of New Denmark dancing old Danish folk dances and singing Danish songs.

Following the program on the stage, Danish lunches were available on the grounds, and the Museum was opened. The Museum will remain open all summer until the Labour Day weekend.

In the evening many of the participants met at Valhalla Restaurant, located by the old New Denmark Station, from where the potatoes were shipped by train before big modern trucks took over.

Holding the national Danish Canadian Conference in New Denmark was moving and inspiring. All the participants raved about the Conference, and were moved by the hospitality and friendliness of the people of New Denmark.



Old immigrant house and the main road through New Denmark about 1880

New Denmark Memorial Museum which documents and preserves the history of New Denmark



Danes from across Canada attending the Danish Canadian Conference



SOCCER FANS RECEIVE PLAUDITS

The Danes make the best soccer audiences in the world. This is the opinion of the International Committee for Fair Play which has given the Danish soccer fans a prize for their good behaviour during the European soccer championship in France last year.

Sepp Pinotek, head coach for the Danish National soccer team, agrees with the committee and claims that "the Danish soccer audience is world-class and it is a tremendous encouragement for all with love for the game, especially in view of the tragedy in Brussels."

The leader of the Danish national team, Morten Olsen, is also happy with the behaviour of Danish soccer fans, and he says that "...the good publicity they have given Denmark cannot be measured in money".



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There are about 13,000 industrial firms in Norway, of which some 1,800 are active exporters — not counting trading firms, export associations and the like. The Export Council of Norway is the National professional body designed to assist Norwegian exporters of goods and services.

The Export Council of Norway, headquartered in Oslo, keeps Norwegian industry, export firms and public bodies informed about foreign market conditions and export opportunities for Norwegian goods and services. In addition, it informs potential buyers abroad about Norwegian products and services.

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Designer Unn Ieines is one of Norway's textile designers determined to modernize old Norwegian craft traditions.

Other important textile industry exports are athletic and leisure clothing, knitted goods, knitting yarn, industrial yarn, and fishing nets and lines.

The high quality of Norwegian-made furnishing fabrics, and the wide range of designs available, are spotlighted in an informative new booklet recently published by the Oslo-based Norwegian Textile Manufacturers' Association.

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The publication "Norwegian Textiles" may be obtained from:

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ALBERTA CULTURE UPDATE

"Looking towards the future" is the theme of a conference sponsored by the Canadian Association of Immersion Teachers (CAIT) scheduled for November 7, 8 and 9 in Edmonton. For more information on the conference, contact Bruce Summers or Karina Younk at Laurier Heights Elementary School, 8210 - 142 St. Edmonton T5R 0L9, or phone 483-5352.

The Community Education Association of Alberta will be holding its annual conference in Edmonton October 3, 4 and 5. This conference focuses on lifelong learning and it is for anyone who realizes that the best learning takes place when people share their knowledge, insights and

themselves. Participants in the conference include leaders in business, politics, entertainment, medicine and education. If you want to attend, please contact the CEAA Conference, M.E. LaZerte Composite High School, 6804 - 144 Ave., Edmonton T3C 3C7, or phone 476-8611.

A Conference for Heritage Language Schools in Alberta is taking place in Red Deer November 15 and 16. This conference is jointly sponsored by the Cultural Heritage Division of Alberta Culture and the Secretary of State with assistance from Alberta Education, the Alberta Ethnic Language Teachers (AELTA) — Northern Branch and the Southern

Alberta Heritage Language Association (SAHLA). Over 100 Heritage Language province-wide schools are expected to be represented at this conference. For more information or to register, contact the Cultural Heritage Division at 427-2927.

The 1985 Canadian Parks/Recreation Association Annual Conference takes place from August 12-15 at Edmonton's Convention Centre. The conference welcomes public participation. Passes for the whole conference are available as are passes for individual sessions. This year's conference highlights special events programming and multicultural programming. Sessions will be led by Recreation planners and professionals. Beth Bryant, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Cultural Heritage Division, will speak on Programming for a Multicultural Society. For more information, please call Brian Monaghan at 428-8164.

This year the Alberta Summer Games will take place in Fort McMurray. Over 12,000 visitors and participants are expected — the largest summer games ever. Over 21 ethno-cultural groups are organizing a cultural component to the Summer Games. For more information contact Lisa Daniels 790-1985. The Summer Games will follow Heritage Day celebrations, on August 8, 9, and 10.



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SUMMARY OF THE AGREEMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN CANADA AND DENMARK

It is hoped by the Minister of National Health & Welfare, the Hon. Jake Epp that this agreement will become effective in early 1986.

INTRODUCTION

On April 12, 1985, Canada and Denmark signed a reciprocal Agreement on Social Security. The Honourable Jake Epp, Minister of National Health and Welfare, signed on behalf of Canada, and Her Excellency Elsebeth Kock-Petersen, Minister of Social Affairs, signed on behalf of Denmark. The Agreement will come into force after the governments of both countries have completed the procedures required by their respective laws.

The Agreement coordinates the operation of the Canadian and Danish programs which protect individuals in the event of old age, retirement, disability and death. It has four basic objectives:

- (i) to ease restrictions, based on nationality, which may otherwise prevent Canadians from receiving benefits under the legislation of Denmark;
- (ii) to ease or eliminate restrictions on the payment of social security benefits abroad;
- (iii) to eliminate situations in which a worker may have to contribute to the social security programs of both countries for the same work;
- (iv) to assist migrants to become entitled to social security benefits which are proportional to their periods of residence or periods of contributions in both Canada and Denmark.

This paper summarizes the most important features of the Canada/Denmark Agreement on Social Security.

Legislation to Which the Agreement Applies

The Canadian programs which are included in the Agreement are the Old Age Security program which provides benefits in the event of old age, and the Canada Pension Plan which provides benefits in the event of retirement, disability and death (including benefits for the survivors of a contributor). In regard to Denmark, the Agreement applies to old age, anticipatory and survivors pensions provided under the Social Pensions Act and the Labour Market Supplementary Pension (ATP) scheme.

Persons to Whom the Agreement Applies

As regards the legislation of Canada, the Agreement applies equally to all persons, irrespective of nationality, who are or have been subject to the social security legislation of both Canada and Denmark.

As regards the legislation of Denmark, the Agreement generally ensures equal treatment to Canadian and Danish citizens living in Canada or Denmark. Certain specific exceptions to this rule are noted below.

Export of Benefits

Under the Social Pensions Act, usually only Danish citizens are entitled to receive a benefit while residing outside Denmark; even then, generally, they must have lived in Denmark for 30 years between the ages of 15 and 67. Through the Agreement, a Canadian citizen living in Canada will become entitled to a Danish old age pension if he or she has lived in Denmark for at least three years between the ages of 15 and 67 and after March 31, 1957, and has worked in Denmark for at least one year. (The condition of one year of work in Den-

mark and the restriction to March 31, 1957 do not apply to a Danish citizen.)

Under the terms of Canada's Old Age Security Act, a pension may be paid abroad only if the individual has resided in Canada for at least 20 years after reaching age 18. Through the Agreement, Canada eases this requirement by allowing the adding together of periods of residence in Canada and periods of residence in Denmark after March 31, 1957 to enable a person to satisfy the condition of residence. However, a minimum of three years of actual residence in Canada is required before a pension may be paid abroad.

Under the Canada Pension Plan and the Danish Labour Market Supplementary Pension (ATP) scheme, which are contributory social insurance programs, benefits are already exportable anywhere in the world, with no restrictions whatsoever.

Provisions Concerning Coverage (the Applicable Legislation)

Without an agreement, some persons may be required to contribute to both the Canada Pension Plan and to the Danish Labour Market Supplementary Pension (ATP) scheme. The Canada/Denmark Agreement seeks to eliminate such situations of "dual coverage".

Under the Agreement, an employee will normally be subject only to the legislation of the country in which he or she works and will, therefore, be exempt from contributions under the legislation of the other country in respect of the same work.

An exception to this general rule will apply in the case of a "detached worker" (i.e. an employee who normally works in one country and is covered under the social security system of that country in respect of that work, and who is sent by his or her employer to work in the other country on a temporary basis). Such a worker will be able to continue his or her former coverage for a determined period of time and, while the former coverage remains in effect, will be exempt from social security contributions to the other country in respect of the same work.

Another exception to the general rule will apply to persons in government employment for one of the countries who perform their duties in the other country. They will normally be subject to the social security laws of the latter country only if they are citizens or permanent residents of that country.

There are also special rules for persons employed as members of the crews of ships.

In addition to the coverage provisions just described, the Canada/Denmark Agreement contains another provision which ensures that a person who is covered under the Canada (or Quebec) Pension Plan, by virtue of the Agreement, while residing in Denmark, will also be covered by the Old Age Security Act which is usually based only on residence in Canada. Thus, during that period, complete coverage will be afforded under Canadian legislation. Conversely, a person who is residing and working in Canada and, by virtue of the Agreement, is subject to the social security legislation of Denmark will not have those periods considered as periods of residence for purposes of the Old Age Security Act. The Agreement contains comparable provisions regarding residence in Denmark for purposes of the Danish Social Pensions Act.

Access to Benefits Through Totalizing

The Old Age Security Act requires a minimum period of 10 years of residence in Canada after reaching the age of 18 before any pension may

be paid in Canada. The same residence requirements apply to the Spouse's Allowance. At least 20 years of residence are required before any Old Age Security pension may be paid outside of Canada.

Under the Canada Pension Plan, eligibility for disability and survivor's benefits depends on contributions having been made to the Plan for a minimum qualifying period. This minimum period varies according to the length of an individual's "contributory period".

The Canada/Denmark Agreement makes it possible to meet the eligibility conditions for Canadian social security benefits by totalizing (adding together) periods of residence or contributions in Canada and periods of residence in Denmark or periods of contributions under the Labour Market Supplementary Pension (ATP) scheme.

Thus, to qualify for an Old Age Security pension or a Spouse's Allowance, which are based on residence, a person can add periods of residence in Canada after reaching the age of 18 and periods of residence in Denmark after the same age (taking into account only periods in Denmark after March 31, 1957).

For Canada Pension Plan disability and survivor's benefits which are based on contributions, periods of contributions under the legislation of both countries can be added together to satisfy the minimum eligibility conditions.

Under Denmark's Social Pensions Act, the sole condition for entitlement to a benefit is three years of residence in Denmark between the ages of 15 and 67. This condition cannot be met through totalizing. There is no minimum period of contributions for entitlement to a Labour Market Supplementary Pension.

Calculating Benefits Under the Agreement

In the case of the Old Age Security program, the pension payable will be equal to 1/40th of the full pension for each complete year of residence in Canada after reaching age 18. This is the same formula by which a partial pension is calculated under the Old Age Security Act, if eligibility is established without recourse to an agreement. For persons applying for a benefit under the Agreement while residing outside Canada, only periods after March 31, 1957 will be used in the calculation.

In the case of disability and survivor's pensions under the Canada Pension Plan, the earnings-related portion of the benefit will be calculated on the basis of an individual's actual pensionable earnings under the Canada Pension Plan. This is precisely what would have been done under Canadian law if the individual had been eligible for the benefit without the need to totalize.

The flat-rate portion of a Canada Pension Plan benefit will be prorated, using a fraction of which the numerator will be the number of years during which the individual actually

contributed to the Canada Pension Plan, and of which the denominator will be the minimum number of years of contributions required for that person to be entitled to the benefit in question. Thus, for example, a disabled individual who has contributed to the Canada Pension Plan for four years and who needs seven years of contributions to establish entitlement to a disability pension will receive (provided there are creditable periods of at least three years under Danish legislation) four-sevenths (4/7) of the full flat-rate benefit.

Denmark will calculate its social pensions payable to Canadian citizens in Canada at the rate of 1/40th of a full pension for each year of residence in Denmark after reaching age 15; only periods of residence on or after April 1, 1957 (the starting date of the current Danish system of universal old age pensions) will be taken into

account in the calculation. Similar rules will apply to Danish citizens living in Canada, except that all periods of residence in Denmark (including those before April 1, 1957) will be taken into account.

Supplementary pensions will be calculated in proportion to the contributions made under the Labour Market Supplementary Pension (ATP) scheme.

Conclusion

To summarize, the Agreement on Social Security between Canada and Denmark offers better protection to recent immigrants to Canada from Denmark by giving them early access to benefits under Canadian legislation. It also ensures better protection for former residents of Canada now in Denmark. Finally, the Agreement provides for greater portability of benefits between the two countries.



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